May take off some extremity, which to read Would be even mortal to me.

Pis. Please you, read;
And you shall find me, wretched man^ a thing The most disdain'd of fortune.

IMO. [Reads.] *Thy mistress, Pisanio, hath played the strumpet in my bed ; the testimonies whereof lie bleeding in me. I speak not out of weak surmises ; but from proof as strong as my grief, and as certain as I expect my revenge. That part, thou, Pisanio, must act forme, if thy faith be not tainted with the breach of hers. Let thine own hands take away her life: I shall give thee opportunities at Milford-Haven: she hath my letter for the purpose : Whtre, if thou fear to strike, and to make me certain it is done,, thou art the pandar to her dishonour, and equally to me disloyal.*

Pis. What shall I need to draw my sword ? the paper
Hath cut her throat already [a].—No, 'tis slander ; Whose edge is sharper than the sword; whose tongue
Outvenoms all the worms of Nile'[3]; whose breath Rides on the posting winds [4], and doth belie

[2] What shall I need to draw my sword? the paper Hafh cut her throat already.] So, in Venus and Adonis: *ft* Struck dead at first, what needs a second striking ? "
MALONE.

3 Outvenoms all the worms of Nile, &c,] So, in Churchyard's Discourse of Rebellion, &c. 1570:
" Hit venom castes as far as Nilus flood, [brood] "
Hit poysoneth all it toucheth any wheare."
Serpents and dragons by the old writers were called *'worms,* Of this, several instances are given in the last Act of Antony and Cleopatra:
STEEVENS.

[4] Rides, on the POSTING WINDS,] So., in King Henry V. :
?* _ making the *tioind* my *post-horse"*
MALONE.